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1. RECAP OF EVOLUTION PAST YEAR'S NORTHWEST ISLANDS DEFENSE PLANNING FOLLOWS.

2. AT START OF 1975, FEBRUARY 1973 VERSION OF CINCUNC OPLAN 5027A, CONCEPT PLAN FOR NW ISLANDS DEFENSE, WAS ADJUDGED OUTDATED AND INCOMPLETE, WAS TOTALLY REWORKED, AND SUBMITTED IN DRAFT TO U.S. JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF DURING JULY 1975. JCS MADE MINOR REVISIONS TO THE DRAFT AND RETURNED IT TO CINCUNC IN SEPTEMBER FOR COORDINATION WITH KOREANS INSTRUCTING HIM TO RESUBMIT COORDINATED VERSION TO JCS FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

3. JOINT STATE/DEFENSE REFTEL (A) AUTHORIZED CINCUNC TO DISCUSS ISLAND DEFENSE PLANNING WITH ROKS, ASKED THAT WASHINGTON BE KEPT INFORMED RE JOINT PLANNING, AND NOTED THAT RESULTANT PLANS WOULD BE REVIEWED BY
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JCS. REFTELS (B) AND (C), WITH COPIES ADDRESSED

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SECSTATE, PROVIDED REQUESTED PROGRESS REPORTS AND SPECIFICALLY COVERED NOVEMBER 21, 1975 JOINT US ROK MILITARY CONFERENCE, WHICH PRODUCED AGREED VERSION OPLAN 5027A.

4. PLAN THEN RESUBMITTED JOINT CHIEFS, WHO APPROVED IT AND AUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OF CURRENT MARCH 9, 1976 CINCUNC OPERATION PLAN 5027A, ISLAND CHAIN, WHICH PROVIDES FOR DEFENSE OF UN-CONTROLLED NORTHWEST ISLANDS.

5. AT PRESENT, SUPPORTING PLANS ARE NOW BEING DEVELOPED.
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